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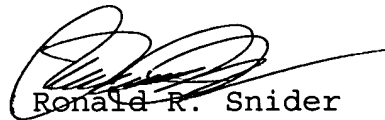
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Four of the attached documents are mentioned in the present specification (pages 2 and 22) and a brief description of their relevance can be found therein. Also, a Search Report in the corresponding Japanese application was filed with the application. A copy of PCT/ISA/210 and the references cited therein is submitted. PTO Form 1449 listing all of the references is attached hereto.

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider each of these references and indicate such consideration by enclosing an appropriately initialled copy of the enclosed form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the Patent Office.

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